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IN THE MATTER OF:

KOBAYASHI, et al

GROUP: 1621

SERIAL NO.: 09/898,564

EXAMINER: J. Parsa

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 26, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

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In the response to the office action dated May 6, 2002, applicant enclosed a copy of Figure 1 with the corrections shown in red ink. Receipt of this document was acknowledged by the Patent Office as evidenced by the attached copy of applicant's postcard dated August 5, 2002.

On August 26, 2002, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment requesting a clean and a marked up version of the replacement paragraphs and a clean and a marked up version of the amended claims, stating that "no replacement pages accepted". No mention of further corrections to the drawings was mentioned. On September 5, 2002, applicant mailed its response to this Notice of Non-Compliant

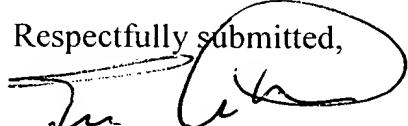
Amendment, submitting the required clean and marked up versions of the amended paragraphs and claims, as requested.

It was with great surprise then that applicant received a further Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 26, 2002 stating that the response to the office action dated May 6, 2002 to the office action and the response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 26, 2002 were not fully responsive because the drawing correction did not show the proposed changes in red ink.

It is respectfully submitted that the requirements of the office action dated May 6, 2002 and the requirements of the first Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121 dated August 26, 2002 had already been met.

Applicant is again enclosing another copy of the corrected Figure 1 with the proposed corrections shown in red and it is respectfully requested that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

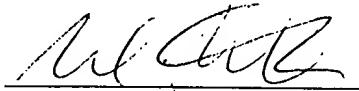


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Amendment

Substitute pages 8 and 11 of specification and
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Figure 1 showing proposed changes in red ink

Substitute claims 4, 5 & 6 and clean copy thereof

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